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1. Work on the enlargement of the Lieberose training grounds (A49) is to be completed by 1 August 1949, according to a German foreman working in the barracks area. The training grounds are restricted now and after 1 August will be completely off limits to Germans. The 700 barracks are completed and occupied and an overflow of troops are quartered in tents and bunkers. The camp is being made ready for winter; trucks with coal, furniture, and assorted supplies are arriving in a steady stream.
2. Local residents estimate camp strength at 30,000 men, most of whom wear Guards insignia. Many troops seem to have come from the Cottbus-Spremberg-Furstenwalde region and these men get a certain amount of leave. Recruits are restricted to camp for the most part. §§
3. Lieberose residents allege that various Soviet officers have been heard to say that extensive maneuvers will begin in the area about 10 August.
4. Fifteen kitchens, each with six boilers, are being built at the local brickworks. The camp bakery is partly in operation and in addition five town bakeries have been requisitioned and all their German employees discharged.
5. Individual tanks and artillery pieces were firing in the woods south of Lieberose on 21 and 23 July.
6. [REDACTED]

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Comments

- § In his first [REDACTED] that 500 barracks were finished and 200 more under construction.
- §§ [REDACTED] theory that most recruits at Lieberose are 1929 and 1930 class men. But this is based on a single incident in a Bierstube when a recruit - apparently privileged to break the reported restriction - left his pass book open on the bar and source saw the birth date on it.

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